

## MANSFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING

### MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2016

**PRESENT:** Will Bigl (2018), Laurie McMorrow (2017), Bev Korba (2018), John Riesen (2018), Nancy Trawick Smith (2017), Don Nolan (2017), Martina Wharton (2018) Bettejane Karnes (2018)

**STAFF** Sarah Taylor (Senior Center Supervisor), Pat Schneider (Human Service Director)

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:** Judy Bigl (Jensen's), John Adamcik (Wright's Way), David Palmer (Juniper Hill Village) Carol Phillips (Glen Ridge)

October 19, 2016 minutes were accepted with corrections.

#### **COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**Judy Bigl** (Jensen's) Community is planning a "Wall of Honor" for their veterans. Parking lot lines were repainted. A generator has been added to the Club House.

**Will** reviewed the Human Services Advisory Committee's minutes with members. Bus passes have been distributed. Rent rebate program available for those meeting income guidelines. All buses in Ct. are free to anyone 60 and over.

**PAT SCHNEIDER'S REPORT:** The facility study is ongoing. All buildings have been inspected. Pat stated she would like to see more detail in the final report that is presented to Town Council. Holiday programs will be offered by Human Services.

- Energy Assistance
- Open Medicare enrollment
- Mansfield special needs fund
- Mansfield holiday fund

Pat is involved in writing a grant for the library and café projects.

**SARAH'S REPORT:** Attendance during National Senior Center Month in September was up from last year's.

**Veteran's Day Tributes:** There will be a special event at the Community Center. The Senior Center will host a luncheon with entertainment on November 2, 2016.

A Veteran's social will be offered at the Senior Center one time per month starting on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am. It will be an opportunity to socialize and have access to resources and information.

**Transportation news:** Participation in day trips and shopping trips offered two times a month has increased. Information regarding dates and times are listed in the SPARKS.

Sarah was disappointed in the lack of interest in the AARP showing of **Gen Silent**. She will make another attempt to generate interest in showing the film in the future.

The president of the Association was invited to be a representative to the COA.

Martina moved to accept list of 2017 meeting dates. All in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Will reported that he was told the flu vaccine offered at the Senior Center was not the high dose as was recommended by a study in the New England Journal of Medicine for those over 65. Martina and Sara are working on a note to be included in the next SPARKS to inform seniors that there are two types of vaccines for them to choose from.

Meeting was adjourned @ 10:25 am

Next meeting November 13, 2016

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bev Korba, Secretary